

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 20, page 6, as follows:

As shown, each reinforcing structure 221 comprises a substantially straight member having a base portion 404 and a rib portion 405 extending from the base portion 404. The reinforcing structure 221 may comprise a metallic or other rigid material and has a length which is user-selected based on the failure analysis performed on at least one of the members 105 and to be discussed with reference to Fig. 6. Furthermore, it is also contemplated that other geometry's for the reinforcing structure 221 may also be used with deviating from the spirit of the present invention ~~such as, for example, a cylindrical (as shown in alternative detail denoted as 406) or flat configuration.~~